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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to earmark certain amount in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the development of Khadi and Village Industries and to increase job opportunities for rural unemployed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have adopted new technology with the assistance of National Institute of Design, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Indian Institute of Technology etc. for modernization of Khadi and Village Industries and to cater to the needs of the young generation and to compete with the private sector companies; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the scheme of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The target set for the 10th Plan is to generate an additional employment opportunities for 2.0 million persons with a proposed investment of Rs. 1250 crores.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened a Design Centre in collaboration with the National Institute o Design (NID), Ahmedabad. The NID is also a National Consultant to the KVIC for providing support to strengthen their capabilities fo undertaking design projects. The KVIC is also collaborating with IIT, Delhi for revamping the Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute Wardha for strengthening research and development activities in the areas of rural industrialization.